**Listing of Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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16. (Original) A method for retaining and storing a disassembled concrete finishing tool having a concrete float provided with front, rear and intermediate ribs attached to a concrete float adjusting device, and a series of handle extensions adapted to be connected together and to the concrete float adjusting device, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a storage case having a cover movably connected to a base between an open position and a closed, locked position, the cover having a lower surface provided with spaced apart, parallel, downwardly facing front, rear and a pair of intermediate grooves for receiving the ribs of the float, and an upper surface having internal walls forming a cut-out for receiving the float adjusting device connected to the float, the walls forming the cut-out being engageable with peripheral walls of the float adjusting device, the base being

provided with a plurality of barriers, adjacent pairs of barriers being connected by wall structure, each having a resilient deflectable, retaining tab arrangement extending therefrom, and the barriers forming a number of spaced apart, parallel, upwardly facing channels for receiving the handle extensions, two of the barriers being formed with adjoining necks and shoulders defining pockets therein;

with the cover in the open position, inserting each of the handle extensions into one of the channels such that the handle extension frictionally engages the respective tab arrangement, and is centrally positioned along a length of the handle extension relative to the base;

placing the float upon at least two of the barriers and between the pockets such that the float is centrally positioned along a length thereof relative to the base; and

moving the cover to the closed, locked position upon the base such that a portion of the concrete float adjusting device passes through the cut-out formed in the cover, and certain of the ribs are received either in the grooves or the pockets.

17. (Original) A concrete finishing tool storage case adapted to retain and transport a partially disassembled concrete finishing tool, the case comprising:

a cover moveable into engagement with a base to define a closed position, and moveable away from the base to define an open position, the cover having a lower surface provided with a series of spaced apart, downwardly facing grooves extending parallel to each other and adapted to receive a concrete float connected to a concrete float adjusting device, and an upper surface formed with a cut-out extending inwardly from a front portion of the cover and adapted to receive the concrete float adjusting device connected to the concrete float, the base having a number of spaced apart barriers, adjacent pairs of barriers defining a set of upwardly facing channels extending parallel to each other and adapted to frictionally receive a plurality of handle extensions collectively attached to the float adjusting device, certain of the barriers being formed with pockets adapted to receive and support the concrete float.

18. (Original) The storage case of claim 17, wherein the grooves extend completely across the lower surface of the cover except for an area interrupted by the cut-out, the

grooves being adapted to receive the float having end portions projecting beyond side portions of the case.

19. (Original) The storage case of claim 17, wherein the channels and the pockets extend completely across the base, the channels being adapted to receive the handle extensions having end portions projecting beyond the side portions of the case, and the pockets being adapted to receive the float having end portions projecting beyond the side portions of the case.

20. (Original) The storage case of claim 17, wherein each of the barriers are provided with at least one resilient, deflectable tab adapted to be engaged by one of the handle extensions.

21. (Original) The storage case of claim 17, wherein the grooves and the pockets permit the storage of differently sized floats.